

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1694

Introduced by Assembly Member Wiggins

February 21, 2003

An act to add Section 1824 to the Insurance Code, relating to bail services.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1694, as introduced, Wiggins. Bail services: advertising.

Existing law requires that persons offering bail services be licensed by the Insurance Commissioner. Existing law set forth in rules adopted by the commissioner prohibits bail licensees from soliciting business in certain places and under specified circumstances.

This bill would prohibit a bail licensee from advertising or soliciting bail services in any building used, in whole or in part, for the detention of criminally accused or sentenced persons, and in related areas, except as specified.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 1824 is added to the Insurance Code, to
2 read:
3 1824. (a) Except as provided in Sections 2074 and 2079 of
4 Title 10 of the California Code of Regulations, no bail licensee
5 shall, directly or through any other person or entity, in any manner
6 advertise bail or bail services or solicit bail in any building used,
7 in whole or in part, for the detention of criminally accused or

1 sentenced persons or for the administration of justice, or in any
2 parking lot or facility used for visitors to that building or facility,
3 or sidewalk immediately adjacent thereto.

4 (b) Nothing in this section shall prohibit an entity responsible
5 for a building, parking lot, or facility described in subdivision (a)
6 from publicly posting in that building, parking lot, or facility, the
7 names, addresses, telephone numbers, and license numbers of bail
8 licensees located in the county or the adjacent geographical area,
9 in any manner prescribed by local rule or ordinance.

10 (c) Nothing in this section shall prohibit an entity responsible
11 for a building, parking lot, or facility described in subdivision (a)
12 from maintaining and making available or posting a complete
13 copy of that portion of the local Yellow Pages or other similar
14 publicly distributed general directory that includes listings and
15 advertisements for bail licensees, in any manner prescribed by
16 local rule or ordinance.

